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SUBJECT: BILATERAL CONSULAR DISCUSSIONS - SHAMWELL VISIT
TO EASTERN EUROPE

1. FOR BELGRADE: LEGAL OFFICER SHAMWELL PLANS VISIT
SOFIA, BULGARIA FOR ROUND-UP CONSULAR CONVENTION
WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BE SIGNED DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY
DENT ON APRIL 10 OR 11. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS
VISIT COULD PROVE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO ELICIT CONCRETE
RESPONSE AND/OR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF USG PROPOSAL FOR
AGREEMENT WITH SFRY ON CONSULAR ACCESS TO DUAL NATIONALS.
SINCE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANSWER FROM SFRY TO ITS
NOTE DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1973, CONTAINING DRAFT LANGUAGE
FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AND IN VIEW OF OCCURRENCE OF ADDI-
TIONAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING DUAL NATIONAL IN YUGOSLAVIA
IN INTERVENING PERIOD, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT TIME IS
RIPE FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE ON THIS ISSUE AND, IF APPROPRIATE
OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS AS WELL. IF TALKS CAN BE SCHEDULED,
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR SHAMWELL'S VISIT TO BELGRADE
DURING PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL 11 AND APRIL 14. (SHAMWELL
MUST RETURN TO SOFIA BY APRIL 15.)

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP OF POSSIBILITY FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS SO THAT FINAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

FOR BUCHAREST: WITH RESPECT TO US-ROMANIA CONSULAR CONVENTION SIGNED JULY 1972, DEPARTMENT MINDFUL THAT DISCUSSION OF USG PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON DUAL NATIONALS NOT COMPLETED DURING FINAL CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS. AT THAT TIME, HEAD OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION EXTENDED ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR MEEKER THAT THE GOR WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS DUAL NATIONALS AS SEPARATE ISSUE AT SOME TIME AFTER SIGNING OF CONSULAR CONVENTION. AS USG HAS SECURED AGREEMENT IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER ON CONSULAR ACCESS TO DUAL NATIONALS FROM POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA AND IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING ACHIEVE SUCH AGREEMENT WITH YUGOSLAVIA, AND IN VIEW OF VALUE OF SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER AGREEMENTS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD ASSESS PROGNOSIS FOR PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOR THIS ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH SHAMWELL'S VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP. KISSINGER

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